

# High Penetration Photovoltaics Workshop

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**Systems Interconnection Standards and Codes:  
IEEE 1547 and P2030; Tom Basso, NREL**

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  - the grid;
  - DER interconnection;
  - standards and applying standards.
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# DER Interconnection

## Distributed Energy Resources



Fuel Cell



PV



Microturbine



Wind



Energy Storage



PHEV - V2G



Generator

## Interconnection Technologies



Inverter



Switchgear,  
Relays, &  
Controls

### Functions

- Power Conversion
- Power Conditioning
- Power Quality
- Protection
- DER and Load Control
- Ancillary Services
- Communications
- Metering

## Electric Power Systems



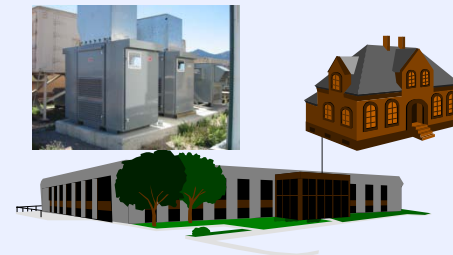
Utility System



Microgrids

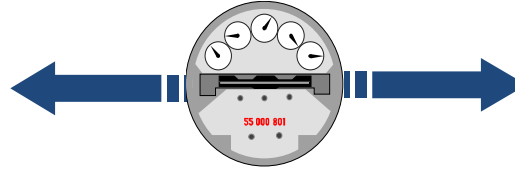
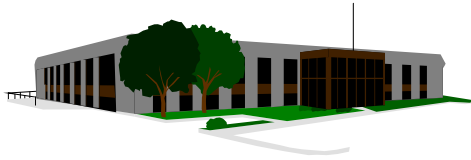
## Loads

Local Loads  
Load Management





# Standards & Conformity Assessment



- Safeguards against hazards
- Fosters quality design and manufacture
- Increases competitiveness in industry
- Creates and expands markets
- Facilitates Trade and Commerce
- Assurance is provided when products meet quality standards, then users need not be concerned with redundant testing or evaluation of the product

- Accelerates engineering advances & implementation, interoperability, and installation
- Assists increased quality and reliability achievement
- Simplifies compliance to needs, permitting, & rules
- Promotes advanced communications; software platforms interchangeability
- Enables enhanced DE systems and grid intelligence
- Lower cost and quicker deployment for projects.

# IEEE 1547 Interconnection Standards Use: Federal, Regional, State and Local Authorities/Jurisdictions .

## **IEEE 1547** **Interconnection System and Test Requirements**

- Voltage Regulation
- Grounding
- Disconnects
- Monitoring
- Islanding
- etc.

## **IEEE 1547.1** **Interconnection System Testing**

- O/U Voltage and Frequency
- Synchronization
- EMI
- Surge Withstand
- DC injection
- Harmonics
- Islanding
- Reconnection

## **UL 1741\*** **Interconnection Equipment**

- 1547.1 Tests
- Construction
- Protection against risks of injury to persons
- Rating, Marking
- Specific DR Tests for various technologies

## **NEC**

Article 690 PV Systems;

Article 705: interconnection systems (shall be suitable per intended use per UL1741)

## **PJM Interconnection, Inc.** ***Small Generator Interconnection Standards*** **FERC approved**

*(0-to<10MW and 10-to-20 MW;  
incorporate 1547 and 1547.1)*

\* UL 1741 supplements and is to be used in conjunction with 1547 and 1547.1

- Energy Policy Act (2005) Cites and Requires Consideration of IEEE 1547 Standards and Best Practices for Interconnection.
- Energy Independence and Security Act (2007) Established NIST as Lead to Coordinate Framework and Roadmap for Smart Grid Interoperability Standards and Protocols.



Federal 2009 ARRA:  
Smart Grid projects &  
DER high penetration.

# IEEE 1547 Interconnection Standards

**1547- 2008** Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems

**1547.1 - 2005** Conformance Test Procedures for Equipment Interconnecting DR with EPS

**1547.2 - 2008** Application Guide for IEEE 1547 Standard for Interconnection of DR with EPS

**1547.3 - 2007** Guide for Monitoring, Information Exchange and Control of DR

**P1547.4** Guide for Design, Operation, & Integration of Distributed Resource Island Systems with EPS

**P1547.5** Guidelines for Interconnection of EPS >10 MVA to the Power Transmission Grid

**P1547.6** Recommended Practice for Interconnecting DR With EPS Distribution Secondary Networks

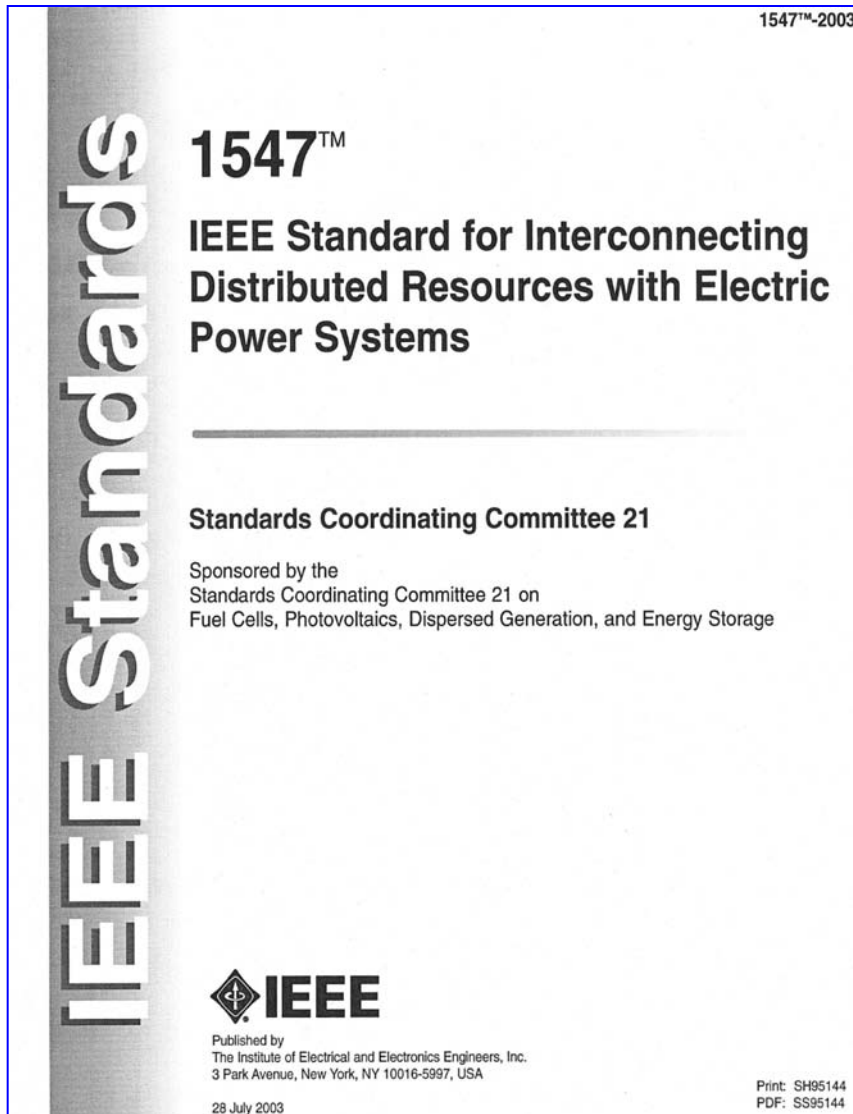
**P1547.7** Draft Guide to Conducting Distribution Impact Studies for DR Interconnection

Current 1547 Projects

Microgrids

**P1547.8 (new)**  
Extend use of 1547,  
e.g. grid support, energy  
storage, ride-thru, etc.

# ANSI/IEEE Standard 1547



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## **4.0 Interconnection Technical Specifications and Requirements:**

- . General Requirements
- . Response to Area EPS Abnormal Conditions
- . Power Quality
- . Islanding

## **5.0 Test Specifications and Requirements:**

- . Design Test
- . Production Tests
- . Interconnection Installation Evaluation
- . Commissioning Tests
- . Periodic Interconnection Tests



## IEEE 1547 IS:

- A Technical Standard - Functional Requirements  
For: the interconnection itself and the interconnection test
- Technology neutral, e.g., does not specify particular equipment nor type
- A single (whole) document of mandatory, uniform, universal, requirements.
- Should be sufficient for most installations.
- Requirements apply at point of common coupling (unless otherwise stated).

## IEEE 1547 Is NOT:

- a design handbook
- an application guide
- an interconnection agreement
- prescriptive, e.g., does not address DR self-protection, nor planning, designing, operating, or maintaining the Area EPS.

# IEEE Std 1547.1 (2005)

... **Standard for Conformance Test Procedures** ...specifies the type, production, and commissioning tests that shall be performed to demonstrate that interconnection functions and equipment of a distributed resource (DR) conform to IEEE Std 1547.

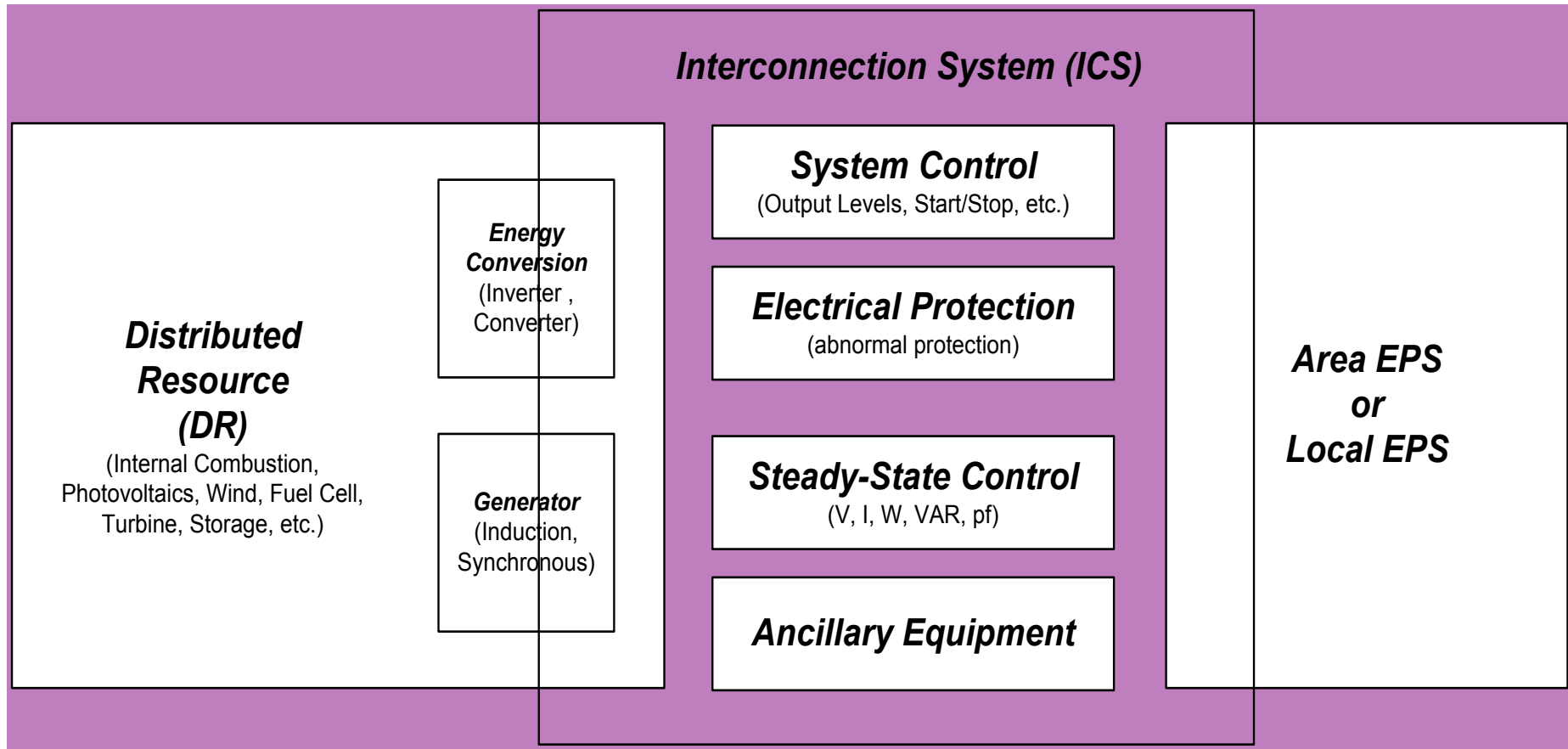
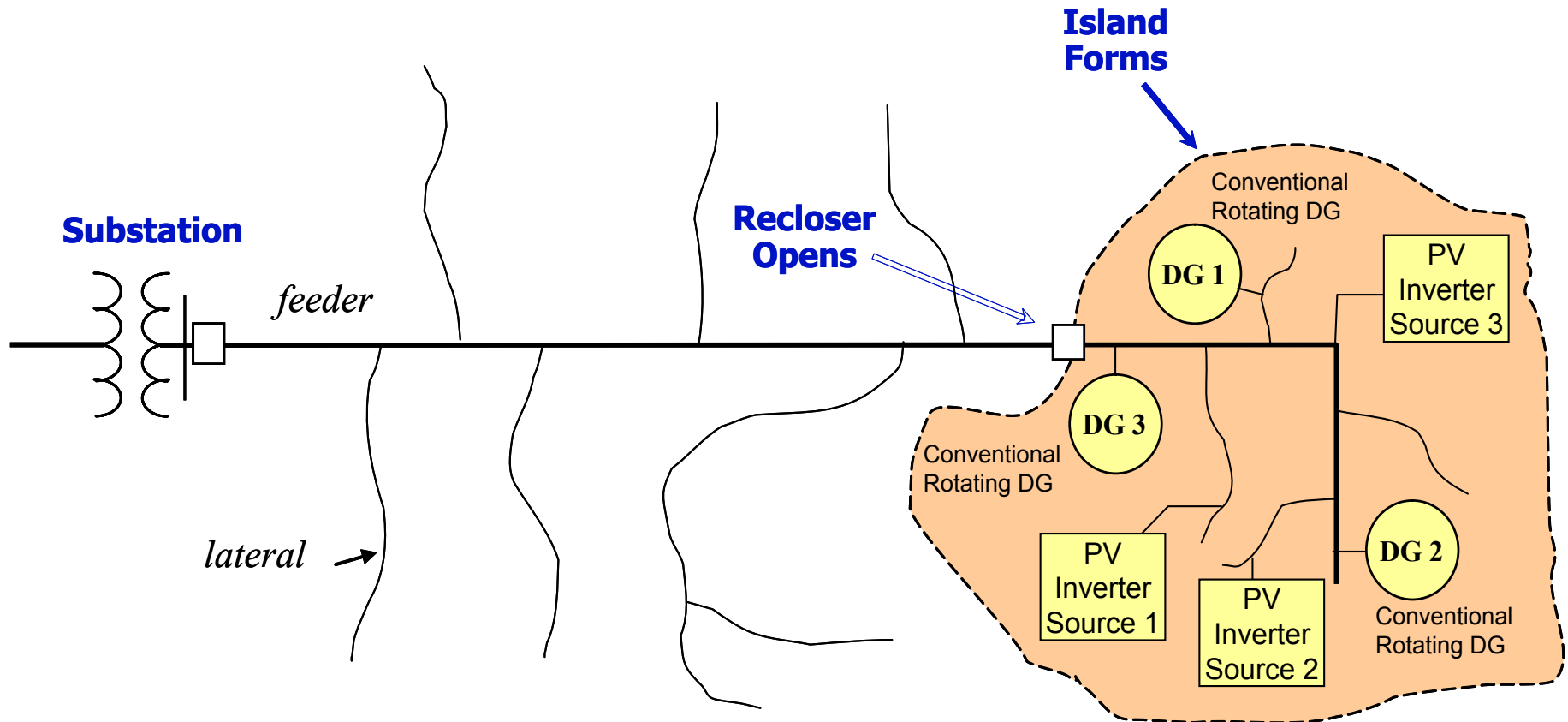


Figure 1. Boundaries between the interconnection system, the EPS and the DR.

# P1547.4 (Planned DER Islands) IEEE ballot: Apr-May 2010

E.g., DER (generation and energy storage) technologies are integrated with all others including the grid technologies to form **Micro-grids (planned islands;** includes – load management, voltage & VAR control, active participation, etc.)



## P1547.7 Guide to Conducting Impact Studies

- Describes criteria, scope, and extent for engineering studies of the impact of DR on distribution system.
- Methodology for performing engineering studies.
- Study scope and extent described as functions of identifiable characteristics of:
  - the distributed resource,
  - the area electric power system, and
  - the interconnection.
- Criteria described for determining the necessity of impact mitigation.
- Guide allows a described methodology for:
  - When impact studies are appropriate,
  - What data is required,
  - How studies are performed, and
  - How the study results are evaluated.

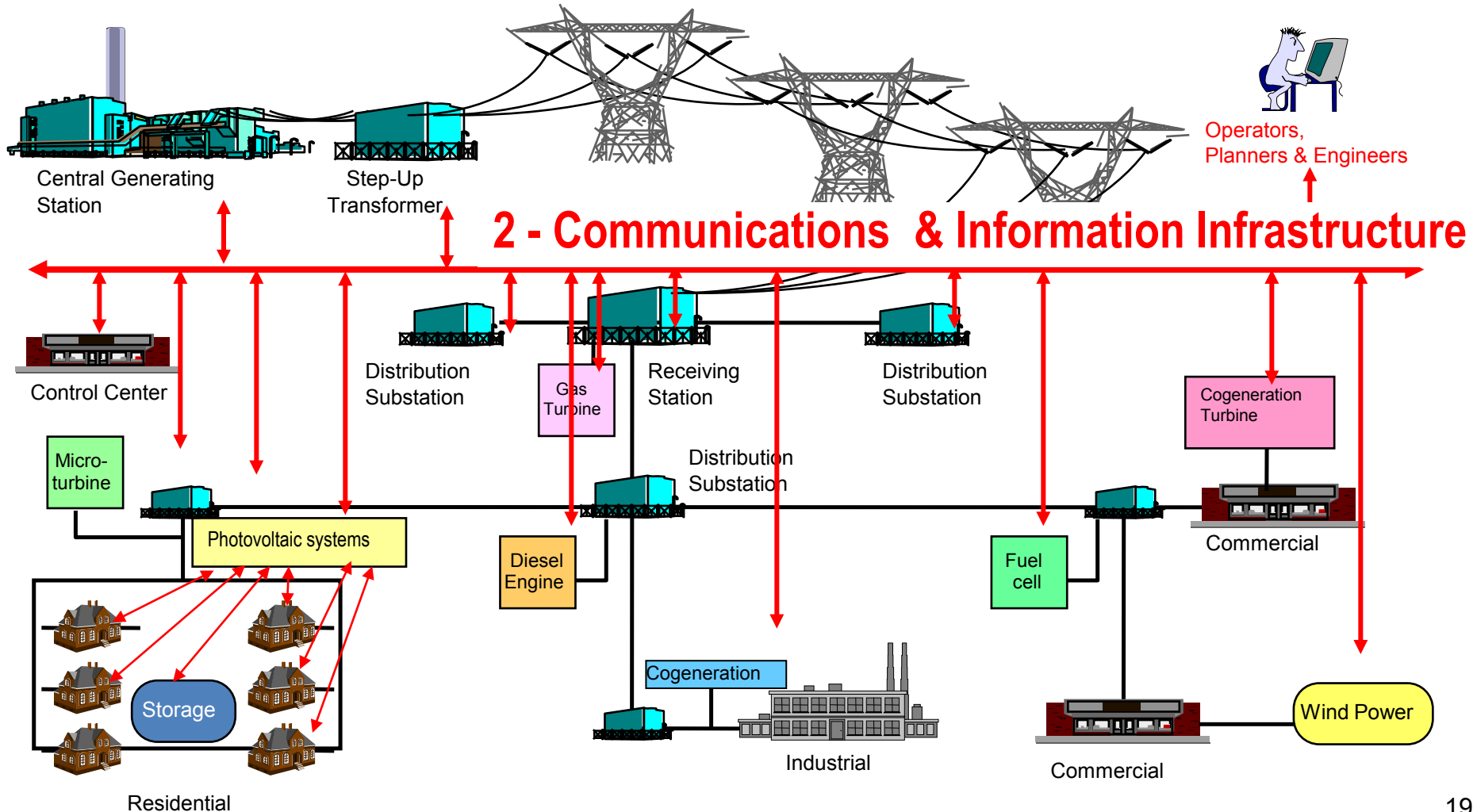


## P1547.8 Recommend Practice to Extend Use of 1547

- Need for P1547.8 is to address industry driven recommendations and NIST smart grid standards framework recommendations (e.g., NIST priority action plans).
- Example considerations include: low voltage ride thru; volt-ampere reactive support; grid support; two-way communications and control; advanced/interactive grid-DR operations; high-penetration/multiple interconnections; interactive inverters; energy storage; electric vehicles; etc.

# The Smart Grid - *the Integration of: Power, & Communications and Information Technologies*

## 1 - Power System Infrastructure



# IEEE Std P2030 – Smart Grid Interoperability

## *Draft Guide for Smart Grid Interoperability of Energy Technology & Information Technology Operation with the Electric Power System (EPS) & End-Use Applications & Loads*

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- Provides guidelines in understanding and defining smart grid interoperability of the EPS with end-use applications and loads
- Focus on integration of energy technology and information and communications technology
- Achieve seamless operation for electric generation, delivery, and end-use benefits to permit two way power flow with communication and control
- Address interconnection and intra-facing frameworks and strategies with design definitions
- Expand knowledge in grid architectural designs and operation to promote a more reliable and flexible electric power system.



# Closing Remarks

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- IEEE 1547 and IEEE P2030 Standards development facilitate high penetration of distributed energy resources .
  - IEEE P1547.4 (micro-grids/planned islands) discusses advanced DER and distribution system operations.
  - IEEE P1547.7 is a guide to conducting DER impacts study
  - IEEE P1547.8 establishes recommended practices to extend 1547 use (such as voltage regulation, ride-through, grid support, etc.)
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## Next P2030 and P1547 series meetings

- P2030 Meeting May 25 – 28
- P1547.7 Meeting August 10 – 11
- P1547.8 Meeting August 12 – 13